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- Between 18 December 1951 and 7 January 1952, Dessau airfield was occupied by about 50 IL-10s and 5 biplanes. No flying was observed between 18 and 23 December, on 26, 29 and 30 December, and on 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7 January. The noise of engines was heard but no take-offs were observed between 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. on 24 December and between 7 and 8 a.m. on 27 December; two planes with set position lights, apparently biplanes, circled over the town between 5 and 7 p.m. on 28 December. On 31 December, the noise of engines was heard from the field between 8 and 9 a.m. and individual IL-10s circled over the field between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.; individual IL-10s flew circles over the field between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on 3 January. Two biplanes with set position lights flew over the field and the town between 5 and 6 p.m. on 4 January, while a rotary searchlight, probably mounted on a truck, was in operation at the field during the period of flying.
- Two new low wooden buildings, one of which was partly underground, were constructed close to the radio installation on the southern edge of the field. Construction work was being done on a wooden shed and two low buildings on the northern edge of the field. A rod antenna 3 to 4 meters long projected from the roof of the wooden shed at an angle of about 75 degrees. A wooden tower was close to the wooden shed. The former Otto Mader Plant was still occupied by the airfield personnel. *

* ☐ Comment. The report confirms that Dessau airfield is still occupied by a ground attack regiment. The data on flying agree with the observations by other sources except that on 5 January 1952 intensive flying was observed by two separate sources.

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